

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.72
Historic Name:	Higgins, Capt. Eldad House
Common Name:	
Address:	295 Samoset Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	Eastham Center
Local No:	14-143
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Second Empire
Use(s):	General Retail Store; Post Office; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce; Politics Government
Area(s):	EAS.B: Eastham Center Historic District
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (5/12/1999)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wood Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Glass; Wood Foundation: Brick



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Construction 1885

See Bibliography*

Form

Second Empire

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or Material:

here. Indicate North.

Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Clapboard,
Shingles on Mansard Roof

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Post Office/Store, Garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

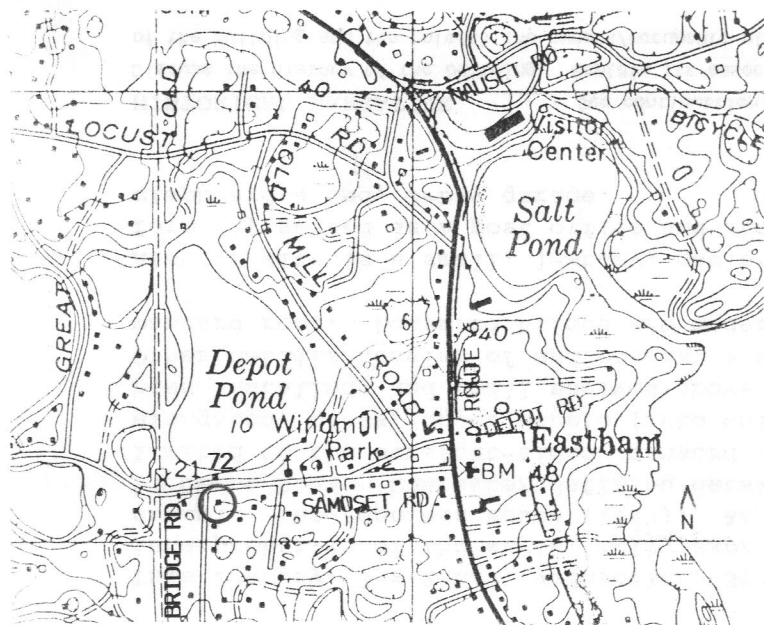
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Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

1.0 Acres

Setting Located at the NE corner of
Bridge and Samoset Roads in a moderately-
settled, rural area near the center of
town.



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BUILDING FORM

295 Samoset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 2-story, 3 x 2-bay, vernacular, Second Empire cottage is a modest interpretation of the style, fully expressed in the earlier, local, high style example, the Penniman House (1867). An even simpler example is located at 90 Depot Road. Character-defining details on this residence are largely limited to the straight-sided, mansard roof, 4-panel wooden door with elongated, glass, upper panels (into which stained-glass replacement sash has been installed) and small shelves above the 2/2, double-hung sash windows. Other details consist of end boards, a band of staggered butt shingles on the mansard roof. Louvered blinds are modern and inappropriately installed.

Also on site is a small, 1-story, gable-end, side-entry dwelling which formerly served as a post office and store and a free-standing, gable-roofed, clapboard sided, 2-bay garage.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The house at 295 Samoset Road (aka. 2090 Bridge Road) was built in 1885 by Captain Eldad Higgins after his retirement from the sea. He was next employed as station agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad from c. 1883 to 1911. In 1912, Tamson and Addie Nickerson purchased the house and operated a post office as well as a small store in the outbuilding until the 1930's. The Nickersons granted ownership of the property in 1945 to their daughters Atta Knowles and Abigail F. Nickerson. The former occupied the house until 1962 when she sold it to Marion and John Wallace.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ See continuation sheet.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

295 Samoset Road

Eastham

Area Form No. 72

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